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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 29th June 1888.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the Annual Report on Emigration, under Act XXI of 1883, from Calcutta to British and Foreign Colonies, for the year ending the 31st December 1887.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

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REPORT ON EMIGRATION FROM THE PORT OF CALCUTTA TO BRITISH AND FOREIGN COLONIES FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SECTION I.—ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

Provision of life-rafts for emigrant vessels.

In consequence of the loss of the emigrant ship "*Syria*" off Fiji on the 11th of May 1884, and in view of the uselessness of the ship's boats on the occasion for the saving of life, the question as to whether the vegetable platforms ordinarily fitted to emigrant vessels could not be converted into life-rafts came under consideration in 1885. Correspondence ensued as to the best method of fitting the rafts and also as to the expense involved in carrying out the scheme, and was continued throughout 1886. It appeared that the proposed methods of rendering the platforms buoyant would have been too cumbersome and expensive, and consequently in January 1887 the Lieutenant-Governor decided that he was not prepared to recommend the adoption of the proposed expedient.

The making of declarations of steam tug competency under section 77 of Act XXI of 1883.

This section is as follows :—"Every sailing vessel leaving the port of Calcutta with emigrants shall proceed from Garden Reach to sea under tow of a steamer declared to be competent by such officer as the Local Government appoints in this behalf."

2. As section 77 of the Indian Emigration Act required every sailing vessel leaving the port of Calcutta with emigrants to proceed from Garden Reach to sea under tow of a steamer declared to be competent by an officer appointed by the Local Government, the Vice-Chairman of the Port Commissioners of Calcutta was authorised by Bengal Government under notification, dated the 22nd of January 1887, to make such declarations in order that masters of emigrant vessels might be enabled to meet the requirements of Rule 123(*a*) of the Colonial Emigration Rules.

Amendment of form of certificate of steam tug appended to Rule 123 (*a*).

3. Under Rule 123 (*a*) of the Colonial Emigration Rules the master of an emigrant vessel was required to state in the form of certificate of engagement of steam tug that a first-class boat had been engaged to tow the ship to sea. In August 1887, however, some difficulty was experienced in obtaining *first*-class tugs, and the matter was brought to the notice of Government. It was finally decided to amend Form 40 of Rule 123 (*a*); and the following alteration was made by the Government of India under notification, dated 29th December 1887 :—"In Colonial Emigration Form No. 40" (Form of certificate of steam tug) appended to Rule 123 (*a*), for the words "the first-class steam tug" substitute "the steam-tug , which has been declared competent to tow emigrant vessels and."

Reduction of the allowance paid to the Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

4. In the early part of the year, a suggestion was made by the Finance Committee in their note on the future provincial contract with Bengal, that the duties of the Medical Inspector of Emigrants might be discharged by the Protector of Emigrants, and the allowance of Rs. 300 on account of medical inspection be retrenched. An enquiry followed, and the Protector of Emigrants, in furtherance of the desire to reduce expenditure, expressed his willingness to undertake the charge; but it was found that the arrangement would not be in conformity with the spirit of the colonial emigration law, which contemplated a double inspection of emigrant vessels and emigration depôts by the Protector of Emigrants and also by the Medical Inspector. The question of amalgamating the appointments of the Medical Inspector of colonial and inland emigration then came under consideration, and, in view of such amalgamation being unattended with advantage to the public service, it was decided by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to allow the present arrangement, under which there are two Medical Inspectors of Emigrants, to continue ;

but to reduce the allowance of each officer to Rs. 200 per mensem. The approval of the Government of India to this arrangement was communicated in letter No. 2990, dated the 7th June 1887.

Gratuitous supply of blankets to returning emigrants.

5. As complaints had been preferred by returned emigrants from the colonies of having been compelled to pay the cost of warm clothing for the return voyage, the Emigration Agent for British Guiana at Calcutta proposed, in connection with the statement required under section 26 of the Indian Emigration Act to be supplied to licensed recruiters, to issue a notice to intending emigrants from India with the object of warning them that they were not to expect to be supplied gratuitously with warm clothing on the return passage from that colony. As this notice, however, could not be included in the terms to be offered to intending emigrants without the sanction of the Colonial Government, the subject was brought to the notice of the Bengal Government, and by it placed before the Government of India. On reference to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, it was suggested by the Governmet of India that emigrants returning from the colonies to India should be supplied gratuitously with blankets. But this proposal was not favourably entertained, and the Emigration Agent for British Guiana was therefore instructed to issue the proposed notice regarding the conditions of the return voyage.

Suspension of emigration to Jamaica.

6. Towards the latter end of 1886, the Government of Jamaica, with a view to retrenchment, proposed suspending the further importation of Indian labourers, and closing the Jamaica Agency establishment in India. To this there was no objection. Jamaica Law No. 18 of 1886 was therefore framed to enable the suspension of certain provisions of the immigration laws as to applications for immigrants; and, having been confirmed and allowed by Her Imperial Majesty, the Governor of Jamaica issued on the 23rd October 1886 a proclamation suspending the operation of sections 21 to 25, both inclusive, of the Immigration Protection and Regulation Law, 1879 (Law 23 of 1879), and all other provisions of the immigration laws which relate to or provide for applications being made for immigrants. It remained only to provide arrangements in India for dealing with returned coolies; and to meet this requirement it was decided by the Colonial Government to make a payment of £100 for every full ship-load of return immigrants to any agent in India who may be charged with the duty of receiving and disposing of them on arrival.

Addition of Jeye's sanitary compounds to authorised disinfectants.

7. In view of the reputation Jeye's sanitary compounds have attained as efficient disinfectants, and in consideration of the fact that Jeye's "Perfect Purifier" is readily miscible with water, the Government of India, on the recommendation of the Bengal Government, authorised by notification, dated the 24th November 1887, the addition of Jeye's Powder and Purifier to the disinfectants prescribed in scale No. 3 (B), in Schedule G, appended to the rules under the Indian Emigration Act, XXI of 1883.

Revision of form of charter party for emigrant vessels.

8. In January 1887 the revised form of charter party for the conveyance of Indian emigrants to and from the British West Indian colonies, as based on the new emigration rules under Act XXI of 1883, came under consideration of Government, and certain amendments in the charter party as well as in the rules were proposed and recommended. The Government of India approved, and the following amendments in the rules were made by notification, dated the 14th May 1887:—

(1) The omission of the *nota bene* at foot of the scale of boats in Schedule A.

(2) The substitution of the word "three" for "four" under the heading "Crew of emigrant vessel" in Schedude A.

(3) The substitution of "three to four" for "two" under the heading "Construction—Sleeping platforms" in Schedule D.

Remuneration to clerks for registration work.

9. The question as to the rate of remuneration to clerks for registration work came first under consideration in March 1884, in view of the fact that, under the Inland Emigration Act, I of 1882, all clerks engaged in registration work were re-

munerated under certain conditions; while under the Indian Emigration Act, XXI of 1883, those only attached to the Magistrates' establishments in the districts of the 24-Pergunnahs, Patna, Shahabad, and Burdwan, were permitted an allowance of Rs. 10 per mensem when the number of emigrants registered in any one month exceeded a hundred. The new rules under the latter Act embodying the procedure in connection with registration were then in course of preparation, and the decision had necessarily to be left in abeyance. In April 1886 the Act and Rules came into force, and in July 1886, with reference to the provision in Rule 23 for the payment of remuneration to clerks in charge of registration work, the same rate was sanctioned as was previously in force for the above-named four districts. But as this rule was not found to provide for every deserving case, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having regard to the acceptance of the principle of payment in Rule 23, and keeping in view the fact that the new rules exacted greater care and attention to the details of registration work than had hitherto been demanded, decided that the performance of clerical duties by Magistrates' clerks should be paid for in the case of colonial as well as inland emigration. Accordingly sanction was accorded by circular No. 10TG, dated the 14th September 1886, to the payment, as an experimental measure, of remuneration to all Magistrates' clerks employed in the work of registering emigrants for the colonies at the rates in force for inland emigration, viz., one anna for each labourer and half an anna for each dependent whenever the total number of registrations exceeded 50 in one month, provided that the total amount of remuneration to be given to any clerk in any one month did not exceed Rs. 15. This experimental rule having worked well, the rates were confirmed by circular No. 35 of the 29th December 1887.

Amendment of Fiji ordinance respecting return of immigrants.

10. On a representation in March 1886 to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by certain Indian immigrants in the colony of Fiji regarding the withholding by the colonial authorities, under the provisions of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, of the necessary permission to return to India at their own expense after completion of the stipulated five years' contract service, the Government of India moved the Government of Fiji to permit those emigrants who may desire to leave the colony to avail themselves of the promised privilege, and further suggested the expediency of amending the aforesaid Fiji ordinance, so as to make the rules governing the return of emigrants uniform with those of all other British colonies importing labourers from India. To these requirements the Government of Fiji readily responded, and not only authorised the grant of permission to return to India in respect of the previously-introduced immigrants, but provided for the same procedure in the future under clause 7 of "The Indian Immigration Amendment Ordinance, 1887," in the following words:—"Any immigrant who shall have received or be entitled to receive a certificate of industrial residence, and shall have completed a residence of five years in the colony, may demand of the Agent-General of Immigration a passport to leave the colony."

SECTION II.—EMIGRATION AGENCIES.

Agencies in operation during the year.

1. Only two agencies for the supply of labour to the British colonies named in the following statement were in operation during the year under review:—

Colonies importing Indian labour.		Names of Emigration Agents.	Dates of approval of appointment by Government of Bengal.	Situation of cooly depôts.
Names.	Whether British or Foreign.			
Demerara	British	Mr. E. W. S. Mitchell	14th April 1884 ...	No. 8, Garden Reach.
Trinidad	Do.	„ O. W. Warner	30th December 1881 ...	„ 11, ditto.

Dr. Garrow Grant before proceeding on leave requested me to express his acknowledgments to the abovenamed gentlemen for the assistance they obligingly afforded him in the discharge of his duties throughout the year.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased, under section 14 of Act XXI of 1883 (the Indian Emigration Act), to approve of the following arrangements in connection with the agency for Fiji :—

On the 13th December 1887 the appointment of Mr. R. W. S. Mitchell to act as Emigration Agent for Fiji during the absence on leave of Mr. A. C. Stewart.

2. *Labour requisition from the Colonies.*

Colonies importing Indian Labourers.	For the season 1886-87.	During the year 1886. Number of adult labourers			For the season 1887-88.	During the year 1887. Number of adult labourers			Remarks.
	Under requisition.	Despatched.	In excess of requisition.	Short of requisition.	Under requisition.	Despatched.	In excess of requisition.	Short of requisition.	
Demerara	3,710	2,670½	.....	1,039½*	2,625	2,600½	.....	24½	* This balance of 1,039½ adults not forwarded before the close of the year remained over for despatch in January 1887.
Trinidad	2,050	2,046½	.....	3½	2,000	1,965	.....	35	
Total ...	5,760	4,717	.....	1,043	4,625	4,565½	.....	59½	

The decline of the sugar industry continued to hamper the emigration agencies working in Calcutta. Only two British colonies—Demerara and Trinidad—indented for labourers in the past year, the total requisition received being 4,625 as against 7,010 in 1886-87, 6,430 in 1885-86 and 18,639 in 1884-85. This decline is most noticeable in the number of coolies required for Demerara. Mr. Mitchell informs me that the requisition for this colony fell off for two reasons—*first*, on account of the large number of coolies indented for from 1884 to 1886, including emigrants from Madras; and *second*, to the decline in the price of sugar resulting in a corresponding fall in the demand for coolie labour in sugar-producing colonies. The requisitions, however, for Demerara this year amount to 3,350, and may be increased.

With regard to the sugar industry, the Protector of Immigrants, Jamaica, states in his annual report for the year ending the 31st December 1887 :—" The export duties on sugar and rum have been reduced by Law 20 of 1887 from Rs. 5-9 and Rs. 4-6 to Rs. 3 per hogshead and Rs. 2-6 per puncheon, respectively, equal to a remission of about £5,000 a year of taxation for immigration purposes. This will no doubt prove a very welcome relief to the planting industry.

" The past year has been on the whole a very productive one for the sugar industry. With a smaller acreage planted in canes the yield has been high, and the exports of sugar and rum up to the average of former years. In some districts the want of labour is again being felt, and unless immigration be recommenced at an early date, great difficulty will be experienced. Applications were some months ago made for 200 immigrants, but were not entertained by the Government.

" The East Indian immigrants continue to be a most prosperous portion of the community. The amount deposited by them in the Savings Bank during the financial year 1885-86 was £23,363 11*s.* 11*d.* as against £22,905 10*s.* 7*d.* during the previous year. The statistics for 1886-87 are not yet before me."

3. The terms offered by the two agencies to intending emigrants, and shown in the following statement, continued the same as those of the previous year :—

Colony.	Work.		Period of indenture.	Classification of emigrants.	Wages—minimum rate claimable.	Rations.		Dwelling-houses.	Medical care and maintenance during sickness.	Free return passage when claimable.
	Nature.	Duration.				Prescribed.	Period of supply.			
Demerara ...	Cultivation of the soil or the manufacture of the produce on any plantation.	Every day excepting Sundays and authorised holidays, seven hours in the field or 10 hours in the factory buildings.	Five years from date of allotment.	Able-bodied males of and above 16 years and adult females. Males, not able-bodied, or minor males and females of and above 10 years and under 16 years.	1s. daily. 8d. ,, (payable weekly).	Rations supplied by the employers according to the scale sanctioned by the Government of British Guiana at a cost of 4d. for each adult above 16 years of age, half rations to minors of 10, and under 16 at half cost, and to each infant under 10 years one-third free of cost.	Three calendar months following the date of allotment.	Free of rent and to be kept in good repair by the employer at his own cost.	Free of charge ...	On completing a continuous residence of 10 years, five years having been passed under indenture.
Trinidad ...	Ditto	Five days in each week except during the gathering in of the crop, when the immigrants will be required to work six days, Sundays and authorised holidays excepted. Nine hours, inclusive of half an hour for rest and refreshment.	Ditto ...	Adult males and females over 10 years.	1s. ½d. daily. (Payable fortnightly).	Rations will be provided to all emigrants, and the cost of such rations (four pence) will be deducted from the immigrants' wages; children between the ages of 5 and 10 will be provided with half rations free of charge.	First year under indenture.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto.

4. *Recruiting licenses.*

Emigration Agencies.	1886.										1887.									
	Licenses.										Licenses.									
	Granted.	Cancelled for misconduct.		Withdrawn at Agent's request.		Withdrawn at recruiter's request.		Total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Percentage of total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.	Granted.	Cancelled for misconduct.		Withdrawn at Agent's request.		Withdrawn at recruiter's request.		Total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Percentage of total number cancelled or withdrawn.	Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.						Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.				
Demerara ...	249	1	0·41	...	...	...	...	1	0·41	3,814	15¼	176	...	...	2	1·13	...	...	2	1·13	4,028	23¾
Trinidad ...	180	2	1·11	...	...	...	...	2	1·11	2,771	15¼	137	1	0·72	...	...	...	...	1	0·72	2,854	20¾
Fiji ...	14	1	7·14	...	...	...	..	1	7·14	1,237	88	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Surinam ...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	480	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Total ...	465	4	0·85	...	...	...	...	4	0·85	8,302	18	345	1	0·28	2	0·57	...	...	3	0·86	6,882	19¼

The Colonial Agencies employed 345 recruiters during the year. It is satisfactory to notice that only three licenses were forfeited for misconduct, of which two were withdrawn at the request of the Demerara Agent. The irregularities necessitating forfeiture of the licenses were—

(*a*) License withdrawn for supplying emigrants to the Trinidad Agency.

(*b*) License withdrawn for recruiting a woman with two children, who stated on her arrival at the depôt that she had been induced by the recruiter to leave her infant behind and to change her name and those of her children.

(*c*) License cancelled on the recommendation of the Sessions Judge of Lucknow. "The recruiter entertained as durwan a man of bad reputation, and allowed this man to keep a woman of bad character living with him at the depôt."

The recruiters collected 6,882 persons, an average of 22 persons to each recruiter. No coolies were registered for Fiji during the past year, the licenses to the 32 recruiters employed by this colony being only issued in December 1887.

5. *Districts of Registration of Emigrants.*

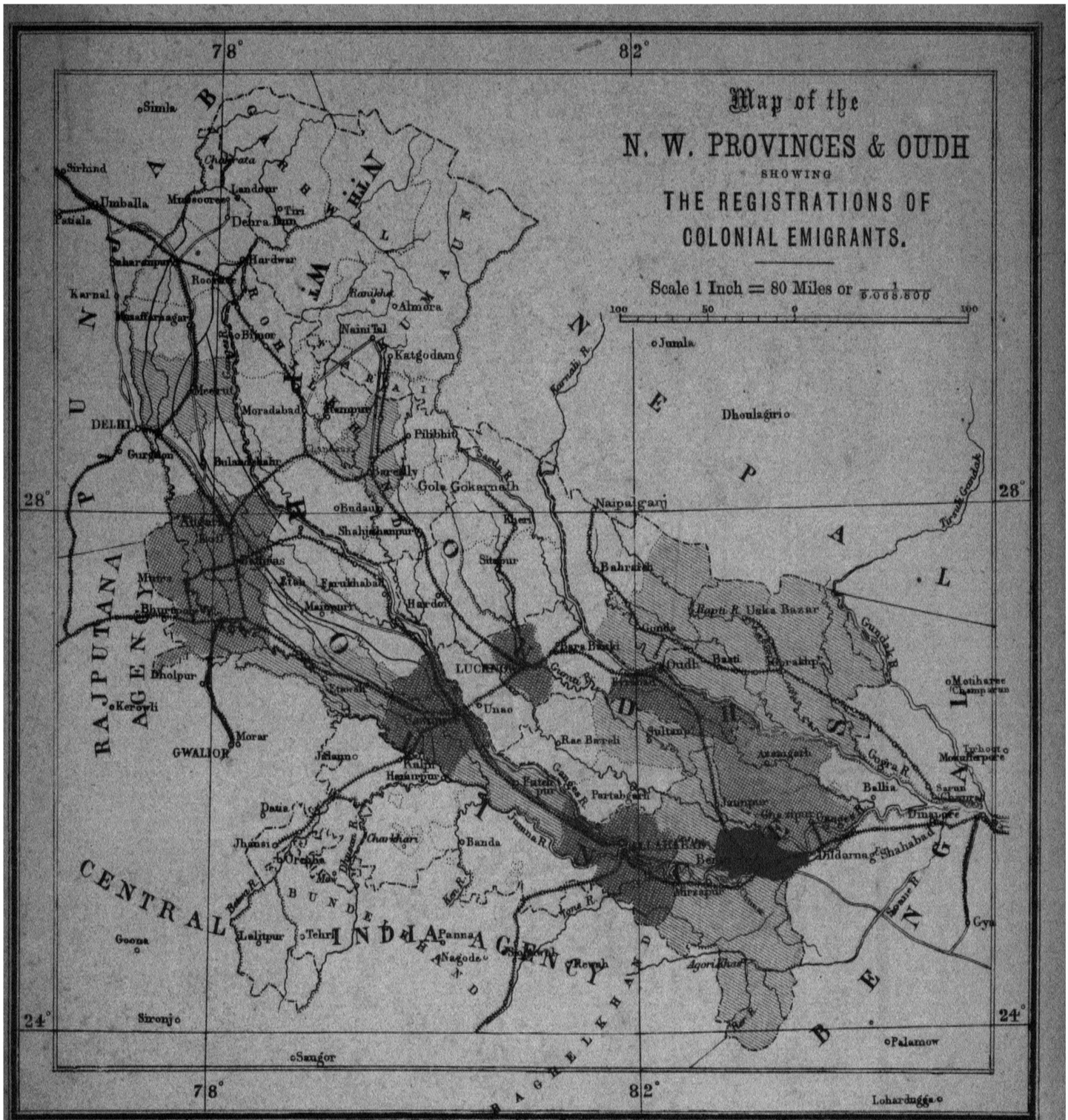
Colonies importing Indian labour. Names.	Whether British or Foreign.	Number registered in districts of Bengal and Behar.									
		Bhagulpore.	Burdwan	Durbhunga.	Julpigori.	Patna.	Sarun.	Shahabad.	24-Pergunnahs.	Total.	Percentage.
Demerara ...	British ...	.....	40	23	6	304	68	612	527	1,580	20·75
Trinidad ...	Do.	25	.....	42	.....	267	1	245	447	1,027	19 41
Total ...	.....	25	40	65	6	571	69	857	974	2,607	20 20

Colonies importing Indian labour. Names.	Whether British or Foreign.	Number registered in districts of North-Western Provinces.																	
		Agra.	Azamgarh.	Aligarh.	Allahabad.	Bareilly.	Benares.	Basti.	Cawnpore.	Etawah.	Futtehpore.	Ghazipore.	Gorakhpore.	Joumpore.	Mirzapore.	Muttra.	Meerut.	Total.	Percentage.
Demerara ...	British	42	29	...	636	63	498	59	358	..	34	176	43	...	23	32	10	2,018	26·31
Trinidad ...	Do.	234	212	28	40	10	246	67	166	39	..	129	46	79	...	114	...	1,410	18 52
Total ...	.....	276	241	28	676	73	744	126	524	39	34	305	89	79	23	146	10	3,413	14·84

Colonies importing Indian labour. Names.	Whether British or Foreign.	Number registered in districts of Oudh.						Total number for each colony of all districts.
		Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Lucknow	Sultanpore.	Total.	Percentage.	
Demerara	British	241	11	191	2	445	52·92	4,028
Trinidad	Do.	188	25	199	5	417	37·49	2,854
Total ..	.....	429	36	390	7	862	90·43	6,882

The above statements show that recruiting operations were confined to Bengal, Behar, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. The general results of registration during the years 1886 and 1887 are given in the following abstract, which shows a very marked decrease in the number of registrations effected during the year in Bengal and Behar:—

Places of Registration.	Years. 1886.	1887.
1. Bengal and Behar	4,002	2,607
2. North-Western Provinces	3,274	3,413
3. Oudh	997	862
Total ...	8,273	6,882



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Districts in which the number of Registrations per million of population was from—

700 to 1,000 per million .....

400 to 700 ..... "

100 to 400 ..... "

Less than 100 ..... "

Bengal and Behar registration districts.		North-Western Provinces and Oudh registration districts.			
1. 24-Pergunnahs ...	974	1. Benares ...	744	11. Goruckpore ...	89
2. Shahabad ...	857	2. Allahabad ...	676	12. Jounpore ...	79
3. Patna ...	571	3. Cawnpur ...	524	13. Bareilly ...	73
4. Saran ...	69	4. Fyzabad ...	429	14. Etawah ...	39
5. Durbhunga ...	65	5. Lucknow ...	390	15 Gonda ...	36
6. Burdwan ...	40	6. Ghazipore ...	305	16. Futtehpore ...	34
7. Bhagulpore ...	25	7. Agra ...	276	17. Aligarh ...	28
8. Julpigori ...	6	8. Azamgarh ...	241	18. Mirzapore .	23
		9. Muttra ...	146	19. Meerut ...	10
		10. Basti ...	126	20. Sultanpore ...	7
Total ...	2,607			Total ...	4,275

From the above table it may be seen, as was the case in previous years, that the largest numbers of persons registered during the year as intending to emigrate to the colonies were, as regards Bengal and Behar, in the 24-Pergunnahs, Shahabad, and Patna, and as regards the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, in Benares, Allahabad, Cawnpur, Fyzabad, and Lucknow.

The largest number of emigrants was registered in the 24-Pergunnahs; the majority of those recruited there were not natives of the place, but had come to Calcutta, unassisted and of their own accord, in the hope of obtaining employment in Calcutta or its suburbs, where meeting with recruiters they were induced to have themselves registered as emigrants for the colonies.

The accompanying maps 1 and 2 illustrate the proportion of emigrants registered to population in each district of Bengal and Behar and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. The districts in which the largest number of registrations took place are situated on the principal lines of railways from Meerut through Allahabad to Calcutta, and from Bareilly through Lucknow to Benares. It is interesting to compare these maps with those (Nos. 3 and 4) showing the native districts of the colonial emigrants.

Natives of—	Registered during the years— 1886.	1887.
Bengal and Behar	2,888	1,666
North-Western Provinces	3,503	3,473
Oudh	1,579	1,500
Punjab	68	58
Central Provinces	10	12
Madras	25	1
Bombay	11	3
Native States	198	134
Unknown	20	35
Total ...	8,302	6,882

Native districts.

6. Classifying the total number of persons registered to emigrate to the colonies according to place of birth, the largest number is seen to come from the North-Western Provinces; and comparing the results with those of 1886, as shown in the above abstract, it appears that the more extended recruitment of 1887 in the districts of the North-Western Provinces resulted in the registration of a larger proportion of the natives of those districts.

Natives of Bengal and Behar.		Natives of North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	
Native districts.	Number.	Native districts.	Number.
Shahabad	872	Azamgarh	600
Patna	217	Ghazipore	466
Sarun	171	Basti	382
Gya	167	Allahabad	295
		Fyzabad	292
		Jounpore	256
		Benares	206
		Gonda	186
		Pertabgarh	177
		Goruckpore	172
		Ballia	118

Classified according to districts of birth or residence, the largest number of emigrants came, as in previous years, from Shahabad, Patna, Sarun, and Gya; and Azamgarh, Ghazipore, Basti, Allahabad, and Fyzabad.

The accompanying maps (3 and 4) illustrate the proportion of emigrants to population in each of the above-mentioned districts. It will be seen that the native districts of the colonial emigrants are situated in a compact group to the north-west of Bengal and south-east of the North-Western Provinces.

As in past years, natives of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh have responded in the largest numbers to the labour requisitions of the colonies; for except the natives of Behar, those of the Lower Provinces generally have always proved more or less reluctant to emigrate to the colonies, notwithstanding the favourable terms offered by their recruiters. Taking as an illustration localities where both sets of recruiters were busiest, the following results appear:—

Districts of Recruitment.	Total number of registrations effected in 1887.	
	Through recruiters for the colonies.	Through contractors' recruiters and certificated sardars for the tea districts.
24-Pergunnahs	974 (chiefly Beharis)	1,956 (chiefly Bengalis).
Shahabad	857	613
Patna	571	*Nil.*
Durbhunga	65	Do.

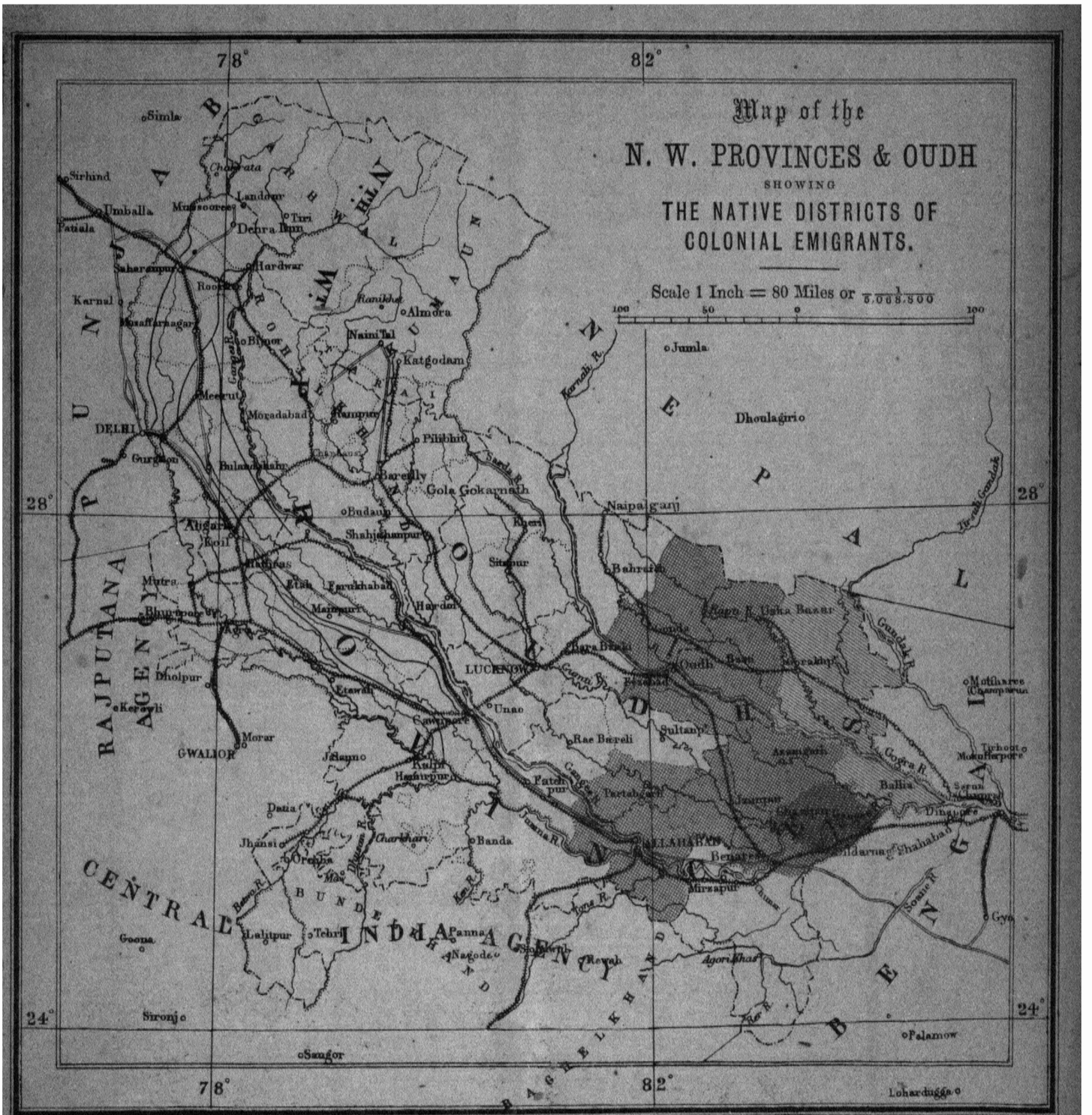
The large measure of success attending colonial recruitment in the 24-Pergunnahs resulted from the majority of those recruited not being natives of the place, but for the most part persons from Behar and other districts, who came down to Calcutta in search of employment. In Patna, Durbhunga, &c., there was no rivalry whatever, and the colonial recruiters had the field entirely to themselves.

Recruitment for the colonies was most active during the months June to October, when recruitment for the tea districts was most dull.

7. *History of Emigrants between registration and arrival at depôts.*

Emigration Agencies.	Number of emigrants registered.	Deduction of Emigrants.																				Infants born subsequent to registration of emigrants.	Total number of emigrants admitted into depôt.
		Number of casualties.								Number discharged by Agency.										Grand Total.			
		Died.		Deserted.		Detained in the mofussil depôts.		Total.		Rejected as unfit.		Unwilling.		Claimed by relatives.		On account of relationship to rejected, claimed, or unwilling emigrants.		Unrequired surplus of recruitment.		Total.					
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
Demerara .	4,028	1	0·02	22	0·54	17	0·42	40	0·99	5	0·12	1	0 02	6	0·14	...	...	...	...	12	0 29	52	1·29	..	3,976
Trinidad ..	2,854	5	0·17	75	2·62	59	2·06	139	4·87	6	0·21	1	0·03	5	0·17	...	...	...	...	12	0·42	151	5·29	...	2,703
Total ...	6,882	6	0 08	97	1·40	76	1·10	179	2·60	11	0·15	2	0·02	11	0·15	...	...	...	...	24	0·34	203	2·94	...	6,679

The figures given above compare favourably with those of preceding years.



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Districts in which the number of Emigrants per million of population was from—

400 to 700 per million.....

100 to 400 " .....

Less than 100 " .....

8. The Depôts.

(a) *History of Emigrants between arrival at depôts and final disposal.*

Emigration Agencies.	Number of emigrants admitted into depôts.	Transferred from other depôts.	Number remaining from previous year.	Number of infants born in depôts.	Total number accommodated in depôts during the year.	Deductions of Emigrants.																						Number of emigrants remaining in depôts at the close of the year.
						Number of casualities.						Number discharged by Agency.																Emigrants despatched to colonies.		
						Died.		Deserted.		Total.		Rejected as unfit.		Unwilling.		Claimed by relatives.		On account of relationship to rejected, claimed, or unwilling emigrants.		Transferred to other Agencies as volunteers.		Released from engagement and returned to places of registration.		Surplus of season's requirements.		Total.		Grand Total.				
						Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Demerara .	3 976	2	569	6	4 553	26	0 57	115	2 52	141	3·09	400	8 78	30	0 65	25	0·54	34	0·74	2	0 04	58	1 27	27	0 59	576	12 65	717	15·74	3,836	84 25	..
Trinidad ...	2,703		3	5	2,711	23	0 84	99	3·65	122	4 50	303	11 13	4	0 14	18	0 66	58	2 13	...	...	51	1 88	25	0·92	459	16·93	581	21 43	2,130	78 56	
Total	6,679	2	572	11	7,264	49	0 67	214	2 95	263	3 62	703	9 67	34	0·46	43	0 59	92	1·26	2	0·02	109	1 50	52	0 71	1,035	14 24	1,298	17 86	5,966	82·13	...

The only depôts working during the year were the Demerara and the Trinidad. The total number of emigrants passing through these depôts was 9,618, including 533 return emigrants from Trinidad and 1,819 return emigrants from Demerara. Of the total number of intending emigrants accommodated in the depôts during the year, 1,298 must be deducted from various causes—casualties, rejections, &c. With reference to this subject, the Medical Inspector reports "that the rejection of one member of a family involves often the inclusion under the head of rejection that of a number of healthy persons."

(b) Sickness and mortality among emigrants in Depôts.

Diseases in Depôts.	Demerara.				Trinidad.				Total.			
	Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Diarrhœa	10	0·21	4	0·08	6	0·22	.....		16	0·24	4	0·05
Dysentery	10	0·21	4	0·08	28	1·03	5	0·18	38	0·57	9	0·13
Cholera	2	0·04	2	0·04	4	0·14	1	0·03	6	0·08	3	0·04
Fever	51	1·12	3	0·06	39	0·44	9	0·33	90	1·54	12	0·17
Chicken-pox	.....	...	...	..	.	... ..	... ..	... ..	.....	...	.....	.....
Small-pox	.. ...	.. ...	. ...	.....	.....	.....	...	. .	... ..	...	.....	. ..
Measles	.....	. ..	.....	. ..	.....	.....	.....	. .	. .	..	.....	.
Chest affections	27	0·59	8	0·17	16	0·59	6	0 22	43	0·64	14	0·20
Other diseases	21	0·46	5	0·10	25	0·92	2	0·07	46	0·68	7	0·10
Total	121	2·65	26	0·57	118	4·36	23	0 85	239	3·57	49	0·73

The admissions into hospital constituted 3·57 per cent. of the total admissions into these two depôts, and the rate of mortality was 20·50 per cent. of the admissions into hospital, and 0·73 per cent. of the total population of the two depôts during the year.

In his interesting report on the depôts for the year under review, the Medical Inspector makes the following observations :—

"The chief cause of sickness was as usual malarial fever, admission under this head constituting 34·61 per cent. of the total number of admissions. Bowel-complaints, dysentery, and diarrhœa constituted 23·07 per cent. of the admission and 26·00 per cent. of the total mortality; only six cases of cholera occurred in the two depôts working, with four deaths. This is certainly satisfactory, as the general mortality returns for the suburbs show that 1887 was distinctly a cholera year. One explanation, however, may be given, which is, that the depôts were open and working during the rains and early part of the cold weather—a time when cholera is not most prevalent. No cases of chicken-pox or measles were reported from either depôt in the weekly medical returns. There were, however, 11 distinct cases of cerebro spinal fever—8 in the Trinidad depôt with 6 deaths, and 3 in the Demerara depôt with 1 death. The more I see of this disease, the more I am convinced that it has till within the last three years been always classed under the general head of fever, being looked upon as a bad type of remittent fever with cerebral symptoms. Much light has recently been thrown on the subject by the careful *post-mortem* examinations made during the past two and-a-half years in the Alipore Jail, where cases occur from time to time. The hygienic and diet arrangements in the depôts are as good as possible, and the people as a rule in a cheerful state of mind, so that the usual causes to which this disease is attributed cannot be said to exist, meaning bad and insufficient food, over crowding, defective sanitation, and mental depression. We have yet to seek the cause of a disease which seems to occur under such opposite conditions as those of emigrants in the depôts and prisoners in the jails. During the year, however, other cases have come to my knowledge amongst the civil population. All medical officers of coolie ships are now requested to pay special attention to any cases of this disease which may occur during a voyage. It certainly does not seem to be in any way contagious."

Of the 11 cases of cerebro-spinal fever which occurred in the two depôts, 9 were attacked with the disease between the 5th and 23rd of October 1887, the other 2 cases occurred in September 1887.

The general sanitary arrangements of the depôts were excellent, and the health and welfare of the inmates most carefully attended to by the Colonial Agents, the Surgeon Superintendents, and the native doctors in immediate charge of the depôt hospitals. The Medical Inspector reports that "the depôts were inspected monthly in accordance with recent orders, and special monthly reports submitted by the Medical Inspector."

Sanitary state of the depôts.

Food.

"The food was frequently inspected and was always found of very good quality.

Water-supply.

The water-supply was good, and the same arrangements were in force as in previous year.

Bathing arrangements.

These were the same as in previous year, viz., all the depôts have ghâts on the river bank and the coolies bathe there.

Clothing.

The clothing has been good and adapted to the requirements of the season.

Latrines.

The arrangements were the same as in previous year; but in compliance with my request, the Agent for Trinidad is about to rebuild the latrine in his depôt. (The latrine has since been rebuilt. Mr. Warner kindly showed me over it when I was at the Trinidad depôt on the 12th instant.)

Depôt hospitals.

These are very good and well looked after, and the patients are properly treated. There were, as before, special hospitals for cases of contagious disease.

Vaccination.

All emigrants on entering the depôts are vaccinated or re-vaccinated."

(*c*) *Comparative statement of mortality among emigrants classified according to sex and age.*

Emigration Depôts.	Number of Emigrants accommodated.							Number of deaths.							Percentage of Deaths.						
	Adults.		Children.		Infants.			In each class.							Adults.		Children.		Infants.		
								Adults.		Children.		Infants.									
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Demerara ...	2,725	1,094	349	237	68	80	4,553	4	6	4	5	4	3	26	0·14	0·54	1·14	2·10	5·88	3·75	0·57
Trinidad ...	1,007	636	213	102	51	43	2,711	9	1	7	3	2	1	23	0·56	0·15	3·30	1·96	3·92	2·32	0·84
Total ...	4,382	1,730	561	399	119	123	7,264	13	7	11	8	6	4	49	0·18	0·40	1·96	2·005	5·04	3·25	0·67

The total percentage of deaths compare favourably with those of the preceding years.

(*d*) *Return showing cause of lengthy detention of emigrants in depôt during the year* 1887.

	Number detained			Number despatched to colony.	Number released				Cause of detention.	Remarks.
	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.		Under section 50 (1)a.	Under section 50 (1)b.	Under section 50 (1)c.	Under section 65.		
Demerara	531	41	10	3,836	...	...	515	56	On account of sickly children.	
Trinidad	1,139	152	21	2,130	...	1	400	7	Ditto.	

1. SECTION III.—EMBARKATION.

Native Provinces of those embarked.	Number of Emigrants embarked for the Colonies.		
	Demerara.	Trinidad.	Total.
Bengal and Behar	911	462	1,373
North-Western Provinces	1,939	1,101	3,040
Oudh	878	481	1,359
Central Provinces	19	12	31
Punjab	25	19	44
Nepal and other Native States	48	39	87
Miscellaneous ... Madras	7	10	17
Miscellaneous ... Bombay	9	6	15
Total ...	3,836	2,130	5,966

The aggregate number of emigrants despatched to the colonies during the year was 5,966 as against 6,423 in 1886. They were conveyed in 11 sailing vessels, no steamers having been employed.

2. *Return emigrants who emigrated.*

Colonies.	Number of Emigrants despatched to the Colonies.												Colonies from which re-emigrating Emigrants had returned to India.											
	Fresh emigrants.				Return emigrants.				Total percentage of return to fresh emigrants.				Demerara.				Trinidad.				Mauritius			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Demerara ..	2,211	874	388	3,473	162	110	91	363	7·32	12·58	23·45	10·45	85	57	50	192	12	7	4	23	8	5	5	18
Trinidad ...	1,140	479	309	1,928	126	55	21	202	11·05	11·48	6·79	10·47	33	12	1	46	23	12	5	40	10	2	...	12
Total ...	3,351	1,353	697	5,401	288	165	112	565	8·59	12·19	16·06	0·46	118	69	51	238	35	19	9	63	18	7	5	30

Colonies.	Colonies from which re-emigrating Emigrants had returned to India—*concluded.*																								Total of return emigrants.			
	Jamaica.				Guadeloupe.				Surinam.				St. Vincent.		Cayenne.				Bourbon.				Natal.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Demerara	12	9	5	26	7	9	2	18	14	10	11	35	6	3	..	9	..	1	1	2	.	...	...	...	18	9	13	40	162	110	91	363
Trinidad	6	6	8	20	10	4	2	16	29	13	3	44	1	1	...	2	..	...	.	.	2	2	...	4	13	3	2	18	126	55	21	202
Total ..	18	15	13	46	17	13	4	34	43	23	14	79	7	4	...	11	..	1	1	2	2	2	...	4	31	12	15	58	288	165	112	565

More than 0·46 per cent. of the total number of emigrants who left for Demerara and Trinidad during the year 1887 had returned from the several British and Foreign colonies named in the above statement, the majority of them having returned from Demerara, Trinidad, and Surinam.

3. *Proportion of women despatched to the Colonies.*

	Shipment of Emigrants.				Prescribed proportion of women.		Women accompanying husbands.		Remarks.
	Number of men.	Number of women.			Deficiency of year under report.	Excess of year.	Number.	Percentage to unmarried women.	
		Towards proportion of year under report.	Towards deficiency of previous year.	Total.					
Demerara .	2,373	984	.....	984	.	34	538	45·33	
Trinidad	1,266	534	.....	534	..	·22	387	27·52	

The rule prescribing the shipment of 40 women to every 100 men was more than complied with, the Agencies being able to embark women in excess of the minimum number prescribed.

4. *Abstract of shipment to the Colonies during the year* 1887.

Colonies to which vessels were bound.	Number of Vessels.			Number of Emigrants carried.		Remarks.
	Sailing	Steam.	Total.	Total.	Average for each vessel.	
Demerara	7	.....	7	3,836	548	The average number of emigrants carried in each vessel for the year 1886 was 535½.
Trinidad	4	.....	4	2,130	527½	
Total ...	11	.....	11	5,966	542½	

5. *Emigrant vessels despatched.*

Serial number.	Name of Vessel.	Colonies to which bound.	Name of Commander.	Name of Surgeon.	Date of departure.	Date of arrival at colony.	Number of days' duration of voyage.	Number embarked.		Deaths in each vessel.	
								Souls.	Statute adults.	Number.	Percentage.
1	Ship "Hereford" ...	Demerara ...	F. Gordon ...	Dr. P. Hughes ...	5th January 1887	31st March 1887	86	522	496	2	0·38
2	,, "British Peer"	Ditto ...	John Iron ...	,, W. Holman ...	29th ,, ,,	25th April ,,	87	537	500	6	1·11
3	,, "Rhine"	Ditto ...	T. Williams ...	,, J. Hazard ...	12th July ,,	11th October ,,	92	627	594½	10	1·59
4	,, "British Nation."	Trinidad ...	W. L. Rossetor ...	,, G. Stewart ...	13th ,, ,,	25th ,, ,,	105	490	460	4	·81
5	,, "The Bruce"	Demerara ...	W. J. Hopps ...	,, J. Welsh ...	31st ,, ,,	12th November ,,	105	503	467	10	1·98
6	,, "Brenda" ...	Trinidad ...	J. Nickells ...	,, W. H. Tindal King.	10th August ,,	15th ,, ,,	98	527	487	3	·56
7	,, "Foyle" ...	Demerara ...	J. T. Cutting ...	,, J. B. Clarkson...	17th ,, ,,	24th ,, ,,	100	537	494	11	2·04
8	,, "Allanshaw"	Ditto ...	John Ferry ...	,, W. Holman ...	15th September ,,	9th December ,,	86	557	524	9	1·61
9	,, "Sheila" ...	Trinidad ...	John Pearse ...	,, F. C. Shaw ...	15th ,, ,,	10th ,, ,,	87	549	502	10	1·82
10	,, "Ganges" ...	Demerara ...	G. Robinson ...	,, J. S. Ireland ...	15th October ,,	26th January 1888	104	553	521	5	·90
11	,, "Jura" ...	Trinidad ...	R. Russell ...	,, A. Harrison ...	4th November ,,	29th ,, ,,	87	564	516	10	1·7

The emigrants were carried to the colonies in 11 sailing vessels (no steamers were employed on this service in 1887), and the voyages varied in length from 86 days, the fastest voyage to Demerara, to 105 days, the slowest voyage to Trinidad. The aggregate mortality on the voyages was 80, giving the not excessive percentage of 1·34 on the whole number embarked. On only one of the ships, the *Foyle*, did the death-rate exceed 2 per cent. Four of the deaths on board this vessel were due to measles, of which a sharp outbreak occurred during the early part of the voyage. With regard to the ships *British Nation* and *Sheila*, the Surgeon Superintendents complained of the accommodation for coolies on the upper deck being insufficient.

SECTION IV.—DISEMBARKATION.

1. The following statement furnishes particulars regarding the emigrants who returned from the colonies, the amount of their savings, and the mortality on the voyage to India:—

Colonies.	Number of ships	Number of steamers.	Total.	Number of souls embarked at colony.	Number of deaths on the voyage.	Average percentage of mortality on the voyage.	Savings.		Remarks.
							Aggregate.	Average amount on the number embarked.	
							Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Demerara	3	.....	3	1,844	54	2·92	2,46,476 8 8	133 10 7	
Natal	5	1	6	1,437	13	0·90	1,12,963 1 3	78 9 9	
Trinidad	1	.....	1	546	14	2·56	1,52,402 11 10	279 2 0	
Mauritius	2	2	4	1,181	26	2·20	43,650 0 0	36 15 4	
Jamaica	1	.....	1	161	4	2·48	38,471 1 9	238 15 2	
Surinam	1	.....	1	480	6	1·25	44,302 8 6	92 14 9	
Réunion	.....	4	4	141	1	0·70	None.	*Nil.*	
Guadeloupe	.....	1	1	512	9	1·75	52,559 12 5	102 10 5	
Martinique	1	.....	1	44	1	2·18	1,200 0 0	26 1 4	
Total ...	14	8	22	6,346	128	2·01	6,02,325 12 5	109 1 6	

From the above statement it may be seen that 22 vessels, 8 of which were steamers, brought 6,346 return emigrants from British and foreign colonies to India. Considering the fact that return emigrants always include amongst them a number of invalids and aged persons, the death-rate, about 2 per cent. of the total number of souls embarked at the colonies for Calcutta, was not high. The average amount of savings brought by each of the emigrants amounted to Rs. 109-1-6.

Besides the above number of return emigrants, 30 persons arrived from Fiji during the year under report out of 60 reported to have left the colony with savings amounting to Rs. 14,132-8-7, the average saving per emigrant being Rs. 235-8-8. These 60 emigrants embarked in steamers bound for Sydney, and thence 30 only are known to have found their way to Calcutta, no information being available regarding the final destination of the remaining 30 emigrants. It is probable that they proceeded home direct by other routes.

2. Brief particulars relating to each vessel that brought the return emigrants are furnished in the subjoined statement:—

Serial number.	Names of vessels.	Colonies from which emigrants returned.	Name of Surgeon.	Date of departure from colonies.	Date of arrival at Calcutta.	Length of voyage.	Number of souls embarked at colony.	Number of births during the voyage.	Total.	Mortality during the voyage.	Percentage of mortality.	Remarks.
						Days.						
1	S. "May" ...	Demerara ...	Dr. J. S. Ireland	15th Sept. 1886 ...	27th Jan. 1887 ...	135	699	9	708	28	3·95	
2	S. S. "Cilaos" ...	Réunion ...	.....	.....	14th Feb. ,, ...	..	22	...	22	..	...	Two landed at Pondicherry.
3	S. "Umvoti" ...	Natal ...	,, J. Drumond	21st Dec. 1886 ...	26th ,, ,, ...	68	249	2	251	...		Four landed at Madras.
4	S. "Evelyn" ...	Mauritius .	,, F. L. Keisler	20th Jan. 1887 ...	7th Mar. ,, ...	46	398	...	398	11	2·76	
5	S. "British Nation"	Trinidad ...	,, A. Harrison	13th Sept 1886 ...	27th ,, ,, ...	198	546	1	547	14	2 55	
6	S. "St. Kilda" ...	Jamaica ...	,, T. C. Evans	14th Nov. ,, ...	12th April ,, ...	150	161	3	164	4	2·43	
7	S. "Bengallyan" ...	Demerara ...	,, J. M. Laing	5th Dec. ,, ...	25th ,, ,, ...	142	479	3	482	4	0·83	
8	S. S. "Clan Macpherson"	Natal ...	,, H. Hitchcock	21st Feb. 1887 ...	2nd May ,, ...	41	220	1	221	3	1·35	
9	S. "Dundee" ...	Mauritius ...	,, W. J. Prout	23rd April ,, ...	20th ,, ,, ...	28	344	...	344	7	2·03	
10	S. S. "Bernica" ..	Bourbon ...	..	..	2nd July ,, .	...	59	...	59	.		
11	S. "Quathlamba" ..	Natal ...	,, B. Nowell ...	20th May ,, ...	3rd ,, ,, ...	55	133	1	134	1	0 74	
12	S. S. "Booldana" .	Mauritius ...	,, F. L. Keisler	19th June ,, ...	10th ,, ,, ...	22	83	...	83	3	3 61	
13	S. "John Davie" ...	Surinam ...	,, R. St. Romaine.	20th March,, ...	6th Aug. ,, ...	139	480	3	483	6	1·24	
14	S. S. "Franklin" ...	Bourbon ...	.....	...	14th ,, ,, ...	...	52	...	52	1	1·92	
15	S. "Umvoti" ...	Natal ...	,, J. Drumond	7th July ,, ...	17th ,, ,, ...	42	255	1	256	3	1·17	
16	S. "Natal" ...	Do. ...	,, C. Bemss .	17th Aug. ,, ...	10th Oct. ,, ...	55	294	...	294	3	1·02	
17	S. S. "Nantes le Havre"	Guadeloupe	,, D. Duval ...	13th ,, ,, ...	29th ,, ,, ...	77	512	2	514	9	1·75	
18	S. S. "Lawada" ...	Mauritius ..	,, F. L. Keisler	19th Oct. ,, ...	12th Nov. ,, ...	24	356	...	356	5	1·40	
19	S. "Quathlamba" ...	Natal ...	,, B. Nowell	23rd Sept. ,, ...	4th Dec. ,, ...	73	286	4	290	3	1 03	
20	S. "Hereford" ...	Demerara ..	,, John Perkins	17th Aug. ,, ...	6th ,, ,, ...	113	666	2	668	22	3·29	
21	S. S. "Tibre" ...	Bourbon ...	No record	No record ...	19th ,, ,, ...	...	8	...	8	.	...	
22	S. "Avoca" ...	Martinique	Dr. DeChampeaux.	Ditto ...	11th April ,, ...	No record	44	2	46	1	2·27	

In all 22 vessels carrying return coolies arrived at this port during the year, and most of them were inspected on arrival. The exceptions were steamers bringing a few coolies only and not regular chartered emigrant ships.

As most of the above vessels brought, besides healthy passengers, a number of aged and infirm persons, the percentage of mortality was on the whole not excessive.

SECTION V.—ADMINISTRATION OF EMIGRANTS' ESTATES.

Of the four classes of estates that come under the administration of the Emigration Department, the first comprises those of intending emigrants who die in the depôt while awaiting embarkation; the second, those of embarked emigrants who die on the voyage to the colonies; the third, those of immigrants who die in the colonies; and the fourth, those of returning emigrants who die on the voyage to India. The first two classes form a very small proportion, and are considered together in the subjoined statement A; but the third and fourth are sufficiently large and important to merit separate consideration, and the two subjoined statements B and C respectively will furnish complete information as to the extent of the work done in connection with their administration:—

Statement (A) of vacant estates of Emigrants who died in depôt and on outward voyage administered during the year 1887.

Colonies.	Vacant estates.									Administered estates.					Undisposed of estates.					
	Balance of 1886.				Received in 1887.				Total.	Payments made to heirs traced.		Heirs not traceable.		Total.	In course of payment to heirs traced.		Under enquiry.		Total.	
	Deaths in depôt.		Deaths on the voyage.		Deaths in depôt.		Deaths on the voyage.													
	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount paid.	No.	Amount not payable.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
British Guiana ...	...	.....	...	.....	1	8 8 0	...	.....	1	8 8 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	8 8 0	1	8 8 0
Mauritius ...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	78 4 7	3	78 4 7	...	.....	3	78 4 7	3	78 4 7	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Dutch Guiana ...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	0 11 6	1	0 11 6	...	.....	1	0 11 6	1	0 11 6	..	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Total ...	...	.....	...	.....	1	8 8 0	4	79 0 1	5	87 8 1	...	.....	4	79 0 1	4	79 0 1	...	.....	1	8 8 0	1	8 8 0

Statement (B) of vacant estates of immigrants who died in the Colonies administered during the year 1887.

Colonies.	Vacant Estates.						Administered Estates.						Undisposed of Estates.					
	Balance of 1886.		Received in 1887.		Total.		Payments made to heirs traced.		Heirs not traceable.		Total.		In course of payment to heirs traced.		Under enquiry.		Total.	
	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount paid.	No.	Amounts escheated to Colonial Governments.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
British Guiana ...	5	1,172 4 4	30*a*	2,529 11 9	35	3,702 0 1	14	2,686 0 8	3	Not known	17	2,686 0 8	12*b*	849 1 2	6*c*	166 14 8	18	1,015 15 10
Fiji	...	.....	2*d*	1 4 0	2	1 4 0	1	1 4 0	...	.....	1	1 4 0	...	.....	1*	Not known	1	Not known
Grenada	...	.....	1	0 7 0	1	0 7 0	...	.....	1	0 7 0	1	0 7 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Jamaica	...	.....	4*e*	344 4 8	4	344 4 8	2	344 4 8	..	.....	2	344 4 8	..	.....	2†	Not known	2	Not known
Mauritius ...	5	1,580 8 6	95	2,715 1 5	100	4,295 9 11	35	495 6 0	4	Not known	39	495 6 0	60	3,468 3 11	1	332 0 0	61	3,800 3 11
Natal	1	0 5 0	11	155 3 8	12	155 8 8	6	98 10 8	5	56 9 0	11	155 3 8	...	.....	1	0 5 0	1	0 5 0
St. Lucia ...	...	.....	6	1,079 3 7	6	1,079 3 7	2	141 10 8	1	12 2 7	3	153 13 3	1	874 10 8	2	50 11 8	3	925 6 4
Dutch Guiana ...	...	.....	8*f*	78 12 9	8	78 12 9	2	75 1 9	5*g*	3 11 0	7	78 12 9	...	.....	1	Not known	1	Not known
Trinidad	1	155 2 9	5	1,588 1 2	6	1,743 3 11	3	1,390 10 11	1	Not known	4	1,390 10 11	1	352 9 0	1	Not known	2	352 9 0
Total ...	12	2,908 4 7	162	8,492 2 0	174	11,400 6 7	65	5,233 0 11	20	72 13 7	85	5,305 14 6	74	5,544 8 9	15	549 15 4	85	6,094 8 1

a 12 estates' amount not stated.
b 8 ditto ditto.
c 4 ditto ditto.
d * One estate comprises a piece of land only.
e † 2 estates' amount not stated.
f 4 ditto ditto.
g 3 ditto ditto.

Statement (C) of return Emigrants' vacant estates administered during the year 1887.

Colonies.	Vacant Estates.						Administered Estates.						Undisposed of Estates.					
	Balance of 1886.		Received in 1887.		Total.		Payments made to heirs traced.		Heirs not traceable.		Total.		In course of payment to heirs traced.		Under enquiry.		Total.	
	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount paid.	No.	Amount not payable.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
British Guiana ...	...	.....	14	2,552 6 8	14	2,552 6 8	4	497 6 11	2	144 4 4	6	641 11 3	...	.....	8	1,910 11 5	8	1,910 11 5
Guadeloupe ...	2	177 11 0	1	215 1 3	3	392 12 3	..	... ..	2	177 11 0	2	177 11 0	...	.....	1	215 1 3	1	215 1 3
Jamaica ...	...	.....	2	183 15 11	2	183 15 11	2	183 15 11	..	.....	2	183 15 11	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Mauritius ...	...	.....	15	43 0 0	15	43 0 0	2	15 2 3	9	22 2 3	11	37 4 6	...	.....	4	5 11 6	4	5 11 6
Natal ...	...	.....	5	274 6 3	5	274 6 3	4	81 2 0	...	.....	4	81 2 0	...	... ..	1	193 4 3	1	193 4 3
Réunion ...	...	.....	1	36 4 0	1	36 4 0	...	.....	1	36 4 0	1	36 4 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Martinique ...	...	.....	1	2 0 6	1	2 0 6	1	2 0 6	...	.....	1	2 0 6	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Dutch Guiana ...	...	.....	3	178 7 6	3	178 7 6	...	... ..	1	3 3 6	1	3 3 6	1	75 11 3	1	99 8 9	2	175 4 0
Trinidad ...	..	.....	6	9,131 11 6	6	9,131 11 6	5	8,773 13 0	1	357 14 6	6	9,131 11 6	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Total ...	2	177 11 0	46	12,617 5 7	50	12,795 0 7	18	9,553 8 7	16	741 7 7	34	10,295 0 2	1	75 11 3	15	2,424 5 2	16	2,500 0 5

The above statements show that the aggregate number of the estates administered during the year under report was 229, valued, so far as is known, at Rs. 24,282 15-3. Of that number, 123 estates, valued at Rs. 15,679-14-9, were finally disposed of, the sum of Rs. 14,786-9-6 having been paid to the heirs traced in respect of 83 estates, and the remaining sum of Rs. 893-5-3 at credit of 40 estates having lapsed to the Indian and Colonial Governments concerned, owing in some cases to the absence of heirs, and in others to the inability to trace them under the falsified descriptive particulars furnished by their emigrant relatives at the time of registration. The general results, however, of the year's administration were very satisfactory; for it will be noticed that besides the payment of the above-stated amount, heirs were traced in respect of 75 other estates valued at Rs. 5,620-4; but as the amounts at their credit were in course of payment only, the estates had necessarily to be included among the "Undisposed of estates.

The enquiry for persons legally entitled to benefit by the remaining 31 estates valued, so far as is known, at Rs. 2,982-12-6, was not completed by the close of the year under report, and the estates are therefore shown in the statements under the heading "Under enquiry." It may here be remarked that the full value of the estates under consideration in statement B could not be arrived at owing to the amounts at credit of some of the estates of immigrants who died in the colonies not having been furnished when enquiries for surviving relatives in India were required to be made. This omission will in future be rectified by measures being taken to obtain the required information through the assistance of the Colonial Agencies concerned.

The duty of attending to the disposal of vacant estates is specially entrusted to Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant; and the successful results attained afford sufficient evidence of his intelligent and persevering efforts to ensure the succession to the estates of surviving relatives of the deceased emigrants. I would also record the ever-ready support of the district officers in causing the instructions furnished and suggestions offered in connection with enquiries to be carefully attended to by the officers charged with the duty. Such assistance, I need hardly observe, is all-important, and merits the acknowledgment of this Department.

SECTION VI.—DEPARTMENTAL.

Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. J. F. P. McConnell acted as Medical Inspector of Emigrants from the 1st January till the 3rd April 1887, when Dr. C. H. Joubert took charge from him and held the appointment for the rest of the year. In March last Dr. C. H. Joubert submitted an interesting report on the colonial emigration depôts for the year 1887.

The Personal Assistant.

2. Dr. J. G. Garrow Grant before proceeding on leave requested me to express to Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, his acknowledgments for the assistance he afforded him in conducting generally the in-door duties of the office. I have also to thank Mr. E. R. Forbes for the help which he has obligingly given me since I took over charge of the office in April last. Mr. E. R. Forbes was permitted by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to avail himself of three months' privilege leave from the 27th of December 1887.

The office.

3. Dr. J. G. Garrow Grant informed me before he left that the head clerk, Baboo Nobeen Krishna Sen, and assistants generally discharged their duties satisfactorily.

Excepting the accountant and one of the copyists, the nominal roll of the office establishment was unaltered. The accountant was compelled by serious ill-health to apply for nine months' sick leave from the 29th of May 1887. I regret to say he has since died.

Correspondence.

4. The correspondence in connection with colonial emigration was—

Of letters, &c., received	...	...	...	4,128
„ „ issued	...	...	...	3,866
		Total	...	7,994

SECTION VII.—APPENDIX.

The following returns are annexed as an appendix to this report:—

I.—Statement of the number of registered intending emigrants arranged according to their native districts.

II.—Statement of the number and description of emigrants despatched to Demerara and Trinidad.

III.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to and returned from colonies east of the Cape of Good Hope.

IV.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to and returned from colonies west of the Cape of Good Hope.

I.—Statement showing Emigrants registered for the Colonies in the Districts of Bengal, North-Western, and other Provinces during the year 1887, *classified according to native districts or districts of residence.*

I.—Statement showing Emigrants registered for the Colonies in the Districts of Bengal, North-Western,

	Districts of Registration.	Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registration to total number registered in the district.	Districts of Bengal.																										
				Bankoora.	Bhagulpore.	Burdwan.	Cuttack.	Chumparun.	Dacca.	Durbhunga.	Furreedpore.	Gya.	Howrah.	Hazaribagh.	Hooghly.	Julpigori.	Jessore.	Lohardugga.	Midnapore.	Monghyr.	Monufferpore.	Nuddea.	Patna.	Purneah.	Sarun.	Shahabad.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	24-Pergunnahs.	Khoolna.	Total.
Bengal.	Bhagulpore	25	32·00	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	19
	Burdwan	40	.....	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	4	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	26
	Durbhunga	65	49·23	...	...	...	...	3	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	2	...	5	1	...	...	...	56
	Julpigori	6	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Patna	571	20·84	...	...	...	...	5	3	3	...	79	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	33	...	119	...	76	120	...	...	...	441
	Sarun	69	68·11	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	47	1	...	...	...	51
	Shahabad	857	67·67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	8	580	...	...	...	596
	24-Pergunnahs	974	0·41	3	6	...	2	...	...	9	1	70	2	23	2	...	2	6	5	10	13	2	76	2	22	136	1	4	1	407
North-Western Provinces.	Agra	276	31·88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Azamgurh	241	88·79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Aligurh	28	46·42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Allahabad	676	29·88	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	5	1	...	...	...	15
	Bareilly	73	54·79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Benares	744	18·54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	4	22	...	...	...	32
	Basti	126	85·71	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
	Cawnpur	524	14·88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Etawah	89	88·46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Fatehpur	54	47·05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ghazipur	305	42·95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	7
	Gorakhpur	89	32·58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	3
	Jounpur	79	22·78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Mirzapur	23	60·86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Muttra	146	23·97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Meerut	10	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oudh.	Fyzabad	429	27·97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gonda	36	86·11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lucknow	390	14·10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sultanpur	7	28·57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	6,882	.....	3	18	...	2	11	4	46	1	167	2	33	2	6	3	6	9	18	64	2	217	3	171	872	1	4	1	1,666

	Districts of Registration.	Districts of Oudh.													Districts of Native									
		Bahraich.	Bara Banki.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Hardoi.	Kheri.	Lucknow.	Partabgarh.	Rai Bareli.	Sitapur.	Sultanpur.	Unao.	Total.	Ajmere.	Bickaneer.	Bhuratpur.	Bhojpur.	Dholpur.	Gusrat.	Gwalior.	Indore.	Hydrabad.
Bengal.	Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Burdwan	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Durbhunga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Julpigori	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Patna	...	...	4	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	6	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	24-Pergunnahs	...	6	32	6	1	1	10	9	8	1	22	10	106	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
North Western Provinces.	Agra	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	2	3	...	6	...	17	...	1	10	...	12	...	10	1	...
	Azamgarh	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Aligarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Allahabad	1	3	4	4	2	...	3	117	39	3	43	4	223	...	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...
	Bareilly	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Benares	3	13	63	8	1	...	11	8	5	1	41	...	154	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	...	2
	Basti	...	1	3	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cawnpur	...	15	9	5	25	1	12	16	65	7	23	72	250	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
	Etawah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
	Fatehpur	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	1	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ghazipur	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gorakhpur	1	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jaunpur	...	1	19	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mirzapur	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Muttra	...	1	...	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	11	...	...	8	...	2	...	1	...	...
	Meerut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oudh.	Fyzabad	5	15	120	91	1	...	1	6	1	1	28	...	269	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gonda	2	...	...	31	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lucknow	22	48	20	35	14	4	55	14	45	27	30	14	328	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	36	107	292	186	54	6	100	177	182	41	211	108	1,500	1	3	20	3	16	1	21	1	2

and other Provinces during the year 1887, *classified according to native districts or districts of residence.*

RESIDENCE.

North-Western Provinces.																																			
Agra.	Aligurh.	Allahabad.	Azamgurh.	Ballia.	Banda.	Bareilly.	Basti.	Benares.	Bijnor.	Budaun.	Bulandshahr.	Cawnpur.	Etah.	Etawah.	Furakhabad.	Fatehpur.	Ghazipur.	Gorakhpur.	Hamirpur.	Jounpur.	Jalaun.	Jhansi.	Kumaun.	Mainpuri.	Meerut.	Mirzapur.	Moradabad.	Mutira.	Muzuffarnagar.	Almora.	Pilibhit.	Saharanpur.	Shajahanpur.	Total.
...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
...	...	...	3	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
3	...	...	13	10	...	...	9	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	21	25	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
1	...	1	20	59	2	...	...	12	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	185	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	248
7	2	30	62	21	...	2	61	30	...	1	...	9	2	1	2	...	120	70	...	7	...	...	...	3	2	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	441
88	20	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	4	4	1	19	10	5	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	14	1	...	3	17	1	...	...	...	...	...	197
...	...	...	214	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
...	13	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
4	2	202	23	4	9	2	1	2	...	...	...	15	...	4	2	16	2	7	2	73	2	...	1	1	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	403
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RESIDENCE—*concluded.*

States.									Central Provinces.					Punjab.													Madras.	Bombay.					GRAND TOTAL.
Jodhpur.	Jeypur.	Kolapur.	Nepal.	Patiala.	Rampur.	Rewah.	Ulwar.	Total.	Jubbulpur.	Husiarpur.	Nursingpur.	Nagpur.	Total.	Delhi.	Dera Ismail Khan.	Gurdaspur.	Gurgaon.	Hissar.	Karnal.	Lahore.	Ludhiana.	Mooltan.	Nabha.	Rohtak.	Sialkot.	Umballa.	Umritsar.	Total.	Malabar Coast.	Satara.	Poona.	Total.	Unknown.	
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II.—*Annual return of Emigrants despatched to Demerara and Trinidad during the year* 1887.

No. 1.—As to age and sex.

	Demerara.				Trinidad.				Total.		Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Male.	Female.	
Under 2 years	59	59	118	41·46 women to every 100 men.	46	41	87	42·18 women to every 100 men.	105	100	205
From 2 to 10 years	217	144	361		140	103	243		357	247	604
,, 10 to 20 ,, ...	729	236	965		360	147	507		1,089	383	1,472
,, 20 to 30 ,, ...	1,503	673	2,176		808	342	1,150		2,311	1,015	3,326
,, 30 to 40 ,, ...	140	73	213		94	43	137		234	116	350
,, 40 to 50 ,, ...	1	2	3		4	2	6		5	4	9
Above 50 years	.. ..	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		... ..	. ....	.....
Total ...	2,649	1,187	3,836		1,452	678	2,130		4,101	1,865	5,966

No. 2.—As to places whence emigrants came to Calcutta for embarkation.

	Demerara.			Trinidad.			Total.		Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	
Orissa	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	1	1	2
Western Bengal	15	10	25	6	7	13	21	17	38
Central Bengal	12	2	14	4	1	5	16	3	19
Eastern Bengal	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	2	.....	2
Behar	577	293	870	309	133	442	886	426	1,312
North-Western Provinces ...	1,317	622	1,939	716	385	1,101	2,033	1,007	3,040
Oudh	607	211	818	360	121	481	1,027	332	1,359
Central India	13	6	19	6	6	12	19	12	31
Punjab	14	11	25	14	5	19	28	16	44
Nepal and Native States ...	24	24	48	23	16	39	47	40	87
Mixed, Bombay and Madras ...	9	7	16	12	4	16	21	11	32
Total ...	2,649	1,187	3,836	1,452	678	2,130	4,101	1,865	5,966

No. 3.—As to caste and religion.

Brahmins and high caste .	503	221	724	222	120	342	725	341	1,066
Agriculturists	471	144	615	279	101	380	750	245	995
Artisans	610	233	843	276	93	369	886	326	1,212
Low castes	735	354	1,089	501	252	753	1,236	606	1,842
Musulmans	329	284	613	174	112	286	503	346	849
Christians	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2
Total ...	2,649	1,187	3,836	1,452	678	2,130	4,101	1,865	5,966

Memorandum.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1. Hindus	3,597	1,518	5,115
2. Musulmans	503	346	849
3. Christians	1	1	2
Grand Total ...	4,101	1,865	5,966

III.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian emigrants who left Calcutta during the year 1887, *and the number returned from Mauritius, Natal and Fiji during the same period.*

Names of Colonies.	Embarked.								Returned.							
	Men.	Women.	Children. Boys.	Children. Girls.	Infants. Boys.	Infants. Girls.	Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.	Men.	Women.	Children. Boys.	Children. Girls.	Infants. Boys.	Infants. Girls.	Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.
Fiji	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	20	6	3	1	...	...	30	28
Natal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	612	309	187	221	46	5	1,429	1,175
Mauritius	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	726	233	102	81	5	8	1,156	1,057
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1,358	548	292	303	51	62	2,614	2,260

IV.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian emigrants who left Calcutta for the West Indies during the year 1887, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

Names of Colonies.	Embarked.								Returned.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.
			Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.					Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		
Demarara	2,373	984	217	144	59	59	3,836	3,596½	1,052	425	133	144	28	22	1,804	1,640½
Trinidad	1,266	534	140	103	48	39	2,130	1,965	291	123	40	58	10	11	533	473½
Jamaica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ..	72	45	17	19	1	6	160	138½
Surinam	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	284	95	51	29	10	9	477	427½
Guadeloupe	...	...	...	...	...	...	.. ...	.....	291	126	35	30	7	5	494	455½
Bourbon		...	.	...	...	...	... ..	... ..	96	19	. 8	6	. 1	...	130	122½
Total ...	3,639	1,518	357	247	107	98	5,966	5,561½	2,085	833	284	286	57	53	3,598	3,258

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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

COLONIAL EMIGRATION.

CALCUTTA, THE 4TH AUGUST 1888.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Report on Emigration from the Port of Calcutta during the year 1887.

The report is submitted by Dr. W. H. Gregg, the Officiating Protector of Emigrants, but the department was administered throughout the period under review by the permanent incumbent, Dr. J. G. Garrow Grant, who proceeded on furlough after the close of the year.

Requisitions for labourers.

2. The decline of the sugar industry continued to retard the flow of emigration to the colonies, and requisitions were in 1887 received from Demerara and Trinidad only, from the former for 2,625 adult labourers and from the latter for 2,000, the total thus aggregating 4,625, as against 7,010 in 1886, 6,430 in 1885, and 18,639 in 1884-85. In the current year, however, the demand for Indian labourers promises to be on a larger scale, as the colony of Demerara has already indented for 3,350 labourers, the Fiji and Guadeloupe Governments have also made requisitions, and there is a probability that the Government of Jamaica will shortly apply. The Protector of Immigrants in the last-mentioned colony has in his annual report made the following remarks:—

"The export duties on sugar and rum have been reduced by Law 20 of 1887 from Rs. 5-9 and Rs. 4-6 to Rs. 3 per hogshead and Rs 2-6 per puncheon, respectively, equal to a remission of about £5,000 a year of taxation for immigration purposes. This will no doubt prove a very welcome relief to the planting industry.

The past year has been on the whole a very productive one for the sugar industry. With a smaller acreage planted in canes the yield has been high, and the exports of sugar and rum up to the average of former years. In some districts the want of labour is again being felt, and unless immigration be recommenced at an early date, great difficulty will be experienced. Applications were some months ago made for 200 immigrants, but were not entertained by the Government."

Recruitment.

3. Licenses to the number of 345 were issued during the year—313 for the two agencies at work and 32 for the Fiji Agency, which, however, made no despatches—against 466 granted in 1886. It is satisfactory to observe that only three licenses were cancelled. The recruiters for the Demerara and Trinidad Agencies enlisted 6,882 persons, male and female. Of these, 2,607, against 4,002 in 1886, were registered in the Provinces of Bengal and Behar, 3,413 against 3,274 in the North-Western Provinces, and 862 against 997 in Oudh. The figures submitted by Dr. Gregg do not indicate any particularly noteworthy variations in the classification of districts according to the place of registration or the homes of emigrants, and the more extended recruitment remarked in the North-Western Provinces is in accordance with the experience of former years, that the natives of Lower Bengal generally, the Provinces of Behar excepted, are, unless pressed by privation, reluctant to emigrate to the colonies, notwithstanding the very favourable terms offered. There appears to have been no active rivalry between inland and colonial recruiters; but it is observed that recruitment for the colonies was most active during the months of June to October, when emigration to the tea districts is at the lowest ebb.

Depôts.

4. Of a total of 6,882 persons, 6,679 were admitted into the Calcutta depôts. The difference is accounted for by the occurrence of 6 deaths, 97 desertions, 76 detentions in the mofussil depôts, 11 rejections on the ground of unfitness, 2 refusals to emigrate, and 11 reclamations by relatives, figures which, on the whole, compare favourably with those of the preceding year. Inclusive of the balance of 1886, there were in the depôts 7,264 persons, of whom 49 died, 214 deserted, and 1,035 were discharged for various reasons by the agencies, the number of casualties thus reaching the figure of 17·86 per cent. This high percentage was due in great measure to the larger number of rejections (703), accounted for by the fact that the rejection of one person frequently results in

the refusal to emigrate of other members of the same family. The health of the emigrants in the depôts was on the whole good, the mortality being only 0·67, and lower than in the year 1886. The general sanitary arrangements are reported by the Medical Inspector to have been excellent, and due attention appears to have been paid to the health and welfare of the inmates. Only 31 persons were detained for a period exceeding three months, and the detention of these was due to the sickliness of children.

Outward voyages.

5. The total number of persons who actually embarked for the colonies was 5,966, or 82·13 of the whole number recruited, Demerara being the destination of 3,836 and Trinidad that of the remaining 2,130. Of these, 3,639 were men, 1,518 women, and 809 children; while 565 of both sexes and of all ages were return emigrants, the majority from Demerara, Trinidad, Surinam, and Natal. The rule regulating the proportion of females to males in each shipment was fully complied with. The emigrants were despatched in 11 ships, the length of the voyage varying from 86 to 105 days, the aggregate mortality during the passage being 1·34 of the whole number embarked, and the death-rate exceeding 2 per cent. in only one instance.

Return emigrants.

6. Six thousand four hundred and six emigrants returned from the colonies, and brought with them savings amounting to Rs. 7,06,458-5-3, or, on an average, more than Rs. 110 each. Those from Demerara (1,844) and Trinidad (546) had, as usual, amassed the largest sums, and the following highly reassuring remarks are quoted from the report of the Protector of Immigrants, Jamaica :—

"The East Indian immigrants continue to be the most prosperous portion of the community. The amount deposited by them in the Savings Bank during the financial year 1885-86 was £23,363 11*s.* 11*d.*, as against £22,905 10*s.* 7*d.* during the previous year. The statistics for 1886-87 are not yet before me."

The death-rate on the return voyages was not excessive, and in a solitary case only did it exceed 3 per cent.

Estates of deceased emigrants.

7. Two hundred and twenty-nine estates of deceased emigrants, valued at Rs. 24,282-15-3, came under the administration of the Emigration Department during the year, and of these only 31, valued at Rs. 2,982-12-6, remained undisposed of, the enquiries for heirs not having been completed before the close of the year.

8. The thanks of the Lieutenant Governor are due to Dr. Grant for the efficient manner in which he has continued to discharge the duties of his office, and also to Dr. Gregg for his careful report.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. J. S. COTTON,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 261.

COPY forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, for information and for circulation to the Emigration Agents.

Circular No. 13.

COPY forwarded to all Commissioners of Divisions for information and for circulation to all District Officers subordinate to them.

No. 262.

COPY submitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. W. C. CARNDUFF,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 4th August 1888.

W. J.—Reg. No. 6133C—155—6-8-88.